

management and those under the control of National Textile Corporation ; and

(c) whether the Government of Orissa has requested the Union Government to Provide funds and other facilities to this mills to meet the requirements of raw materials?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF TEXTILES (SHRI ASHOK GEHLOT): (a) and (b) : There are 13 textile mills located in the State of Orissa , out of which 1 textile mill is run by National Textile Corporation.

(c) Union Government has been providing funds to Orissa Cotton Mills, the mill under NTC. No reference has been received from the Government of Orissa for Providing funds to Orissa Cotton Mills .

Share of Erstwhile USSR in India's trade

	1989-90	1990-91
Exports	16.12%	16.14%
Imports	5.76%	5.90%
(Source : DGCI & S)		

(b) As per the provisions of the Trade Agreement with the erstwhile USSR all payments of commercial and non-commercial nature were to be affected in Indian rupees

(c) and (d) The Rupee-Rouble exchange rate was fixed in terms of the Indo-Soviet Protocol of November, 1978. The exchange rate as on 17.11.91 was Rouble 1=Rs.31.7874.

Harrassment of Customers by LIC

4964. SHRI BIJOY KRISHNA HANDIQUE:
SHRI RAM NAIK:

4963. DR. Y.S. RAJASEKHAR REDDY: Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state:

(a) the share of erstwhile USSR in India's exports and imports of essential commodities in 1989-90 and 1990-1991;

(b) the amount payable by India in roubles and rupees terms;

(c) whether any rupee-rouble exchange rate has been fixed; and

(d) is so, the details thereof and the rate before the dissolution of USSR?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE (SHRI P. CHIDAMBARAM): (a) The share of the erstwhile USSR in India's exports and imports during 1989-90 and 1990-1991 is given below :-

Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government are aware of callousness on the part of the Life Insurance Corporation towards claimants as reported in the Times of India, dated February 7, 1992;

(b) if so, the steps the Government contemplate to take in this regard;

(c) whether the Government propose to evolve a monitoring machinery in order to expedite the settlement of claims; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI DALBIR SINGH) (a) to (b) : The information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.

Special Moratorium on repayment of Loans

4965. SHRI CHITTA BASU : Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the West Bengal Government has requested the Government for a special moratorium on the repayment of loans which the State received under the World Bank's assistance Programme, and

(b) if so, the reaction of the Government thereto?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI SHANTARAM POTDUKHE): (a) No, Sir,

(b) Does not arise.

Export house status to Industrial houses

4966. DR. C. SILVERA: Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Maruti Udyog Limited has been granted the status of an export house;

(b) if so, the details thereof and the criteria fixed for granting such status;

(c) whether some more industrial house in private as well as in public sectors are also proposed to be granted the status of export house in the next two financial years, and

(d) if so, the sector-wise details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE (SHRI P.

CHIDAMBARAM): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The Company was granted the status as they fulfilled the criteria laid down for the purpose namely:-

(i) achievement of the minimum annual average Net Foreign Exchange earning of Rs. 4 crores in the base period (the preceding 3 licensing years).

(ii) the Net Foreign Exchange earned was not less than 25% of the average in any one of three preceding licensing years.

(c) and (d). Yes Sir. However, it is not possible to anticipate the number and sectoral break up of industrial houses who would become eligible for this status as it would depend on their export performance and the eligibility criteria laid down in successive years.

Recovery of Income-tax in Bombay

[Translation]

4967. SHRI VILASRAO NAGNATHRAO: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) the amount of income-tax recovered in Bombay during 1990-91;

(b) whether the recovery was in accordance with the target;

(c) the names of big capitalists in Bombay whose houses were raided during the above period and the details of articles seized during these raids; and

(d) the steps taken to curb income-tax evasion?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI RAMESHWAR THAKUR): (a) The collection